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SUBJ: ANOTHER " PLOT" AGAINST BANZER

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1. MARCH 14 PRESENCIA CARRIED LIMA INTERPRESS SERVICE REPORT OF PLAN OF EX- GENERAL MENDEZ PEREIRA FOR OVERTHROW OF PRESIDENT BANZER WITH SUPPORT OF EX- PRESIDENTS OVANDO AND TORRES. ACCORDING TO STORY, MENDEZ VISITED OVANDO IN MADRID AND OBTAINED HIS ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT PLAN BASED, INTER ALIA, ON FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

A. READJUSTMENT OF SALARIES AND SUPPRESSION OF NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF DEVALUATION;

B. GENERAL AMNESTY AND UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY;
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C. LABOR PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT DECISIONS;

D. COMPLETE DECENTRALIZATION OF COMIBOL; AND

E. DEFENSE OF NATIONALIZATION OF PETROLEUM.

2. THE LIMA REPORT, ALLEGEDLY OBTAINED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MENDEZ, STATED MENDEZ' PLAN FOR FORMATION OF JOINT CIVIL/ MILITARY FRONT TO OVERTHROW BANZER WAS AGREED TO BY TORRES' SPOKESMAN IN SANTIAGO.

3. COMMENT: MENDEZ PEREIRA IS A LIGHWEIGHT, PERENNIAL PLOTTER WHO WAS INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MININTERIOR ATTEMPTS TO ARREST AP STRINGER HAROLD OLMOS IN FEBRUARY ON BASIS OF INTERCEPTED LETTERS FROM MENDEZ TO OLMOS SUGGESTING A CONSPIRACY. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT MENDEZ' " PLAN" WILL BE ACCEPTED AS BASIS FOR JOINT ACTION BY TORRES AND OVANDO, OR THAT ANY MORE WILL COME OF IT THAN NEWSPAPER SPECULATION. NEVERTHELESS, THE VARIOUS POINTS WERE WELL DRAFTED AND SO BROAD- BASED AS TO HAVE POTENTIAL APPEAL TO THE DISSATISFIED ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM. SIRACUSA

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